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Letter dated 13 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English, of a statement by the President of Ukraine on the events around Nagorny Karabakh, issued on 6 March 1992 (see annex).

I request you to circulate the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under items 69 and 98 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement on the events around Nagorny Karabakh made on 6 March 1992 by the President of Ukraine

The conflict around Nagorny Karabakh has reached a critical point, causing untold suffering among the population and dangerously destabilizing the situation in the region. Each day brings ever more tragic news from Nagorny Karabakh. The peoples of the two neighbouring countries have fallen into a trap that was left behind by the imperial policy of monstrous deformations and oppression of the spiritual life of nations, their languages and cultures.

The conflict between the nations resulted in the outbreak of war, violation of human rights, thousands of refugees and the murder of hundreds of innocent civilians.

The interests of the Azerbaijani and Armenian peoples demand an immediate cease-fire and the renewal of peaceful coexistence among the countries and peoples of the region.

I support the recommendations of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe on the settlement of this conflict. The participation of Azerbaijan and Armenia in the United Nations and CSCE gives them the opportunity and obligation to use fully the mechanisms of these international forums for peacefully solving the problem.

I call on all interested parties to undertake concrete actions with the goal of peaceful settlement of the conflict. The meeting of the heads of States members of CIS to be held at Kyiv on 20 March could become an important step to reach such a settlement, provided that the parties concerned demonstrate their good will.

I think that in order to restore peace in Nagorny Karabakh it is necessary to stop combat action immediately, to guarantee adherence to a cease-fire by all sides, to withdraw from the region all armed formations, including CIS armed forces, and to establish democratic institutions of legal authorities that would promote normalization of life.

On behalf of the people of Ukraine I appeal to the parliaments and leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia, all those who are in a position to influence the events in Nagorny Karabakh, to stop the bloodshed and to start the dialogue between the parties concerned.